

MASSACHUSETTS RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE

RULE 20. FORM OF BRIEFS, APPENDICES, AND OTHER PAPERS

CURRENT VERSION OF RULE 20(a)(4):

(4) The text may appear on both sides of the page.

Briefs or appendices not in substantial compliance with these rules shall not be received unless the appellate court or a single justice shall otherwise order.

The cover of the brief of the appellant shall be blue; that of the appellee, red; that of an intervenor or amicus curiae, green; that of any reply brief, gray. The cover of the appendix, if separately bound, shall be white. The front covers of the briefs and appendices, if separately produced, shall contain: (1) the name of the court and the number of the case; (2) the title of the case (see Rule 10 (a)); (3) the nature of the proceeding in the court (e.g., Appeal; Application for Review) and the name of the court, agency, or board below; (4) the title of the document (e.g., Brief for Appellant, Appendix); and (5) the names, Board of Bar Overseers (BBO) numbers, addresses, and telephone numbers of counsel representing the party on whose behalf the document is filed, and, if an individual counsel is affiliated with a firm, the firm name.

REVISED VERSION OF RULE 20(a)(4), showing existing language and changes:

*** New matter is underlined; matter to be omitted is lined through**

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REVISED VERSION OF RULE 20(a) (4), showing new language only:

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Reporter's Notes--2009

Rule 20(a) (4) has been amended to require attorneys to include their e-mail addresses, if any, on the front cover of briefs and appendices. A similar amendment to Mass. R. Civ. P. 11(a) was adopted in 2009 requiring attorneys to include their e-mail addresses on pleadings.